

MINUTES
MARION CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
&
BUDGET WORKSHOP
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016
5:15 p.m.

A Special City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Bobby L. Davis called the meeting to order. Council members Ralph Atkinson, Odessa Gregg, Emerson Hunt and Joseph Frazier were in attendance. Council members Michael Baker and Ronald Atkinson were not present. Also present were City Administrator Alan Ammons, City Treasurer Patricia Brown and City Clerk Pam Jones.

Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to accept 1st Reading on **ORDINANCE 16-01, AN ORDINANCE TO SET MILLAGE FOR RAISING FUNDS AND TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARION, FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to accept 1st Reading on **ORDINANCE 16-02, AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE LOCAL HOSPITALITY REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR**, seconded by Councilwoman Odessa Gregg; motion carried.

Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to accept 1st Reading on **ORDINANCE 16-03, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND ADOPT A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARION FOR THE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR**, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazer; motion carried.

Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to award the Auditor's bid to Kenneth Cobb & Company. They are local and we have done business with them since 1989 and they've always done a job and we have a good working relationship with them. Seconded by Councilman Emerson Hunt and carried.

Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to set the date for the Public Hearing on June 30, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in Council Chambers, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

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Mayor Davis stated that the original property discussed for the Police Sub-station on Jones Avenue is off the table, as the owner was not willing to negotiate. Mr. Ammons commented that there was a rental property at 313 Jones Avenue that the owner was willing to rent at \$375 per month. Electric would be approximately \$70 per month. Councilman Atkinson commented that with a year lease this would be a lot cheaper. Councilman Hunt commented this would be good since we would be able to move somewhere else if or when needed. With Council's permission this will be added to the budget. Councilman Atkinson would like to know where we stand as far as how much of the fund balance, if any, we have spent this year. City Treasurer Patricia Brown responded that an estimate right now would be \$400,000, but that does not include the Business License Renewals or the Local Option Sales Tax which usually come in the last week of June. Councilman Atkinson asked Mrs. Brown if she could send something back saying what it is. Mayor Davis stated that for fiscal year 2014, there was fund balance increase of \$37,547 and in fiscal year 2015 a fund balance increase was \$1,071. We don't know this year's yet, but will get that to Council. Councilman Hunt asked if there was enough in the budget for uniforms and stuff like that so we won't run into the same problem we ran into last year. Mayor Davis responded that it was his understanding there is enough in there for uniforms, and there was an increase in membership over last year. Councilman Hunt again expressed his concern over having enough in the budget to make sure teams would be provided for at home and away. Mayor Davis responded that he would talk with Ms. Jackson to make certain that number is fine and if we think it needs increasing, we will make note of that to be discussed for the new budget. MR. Ammons responded that we could add some to the contingency so we'll have some wiggle room, because once the budget amount is published, there is no changing that number.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Joseph Frazier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Emerson Hunt; motion carried.

Mayor Bobby L. Davis

City Clerk Pam Jones

Taped: June 7, 2016